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Frank Cignetti  
Leaves the Field

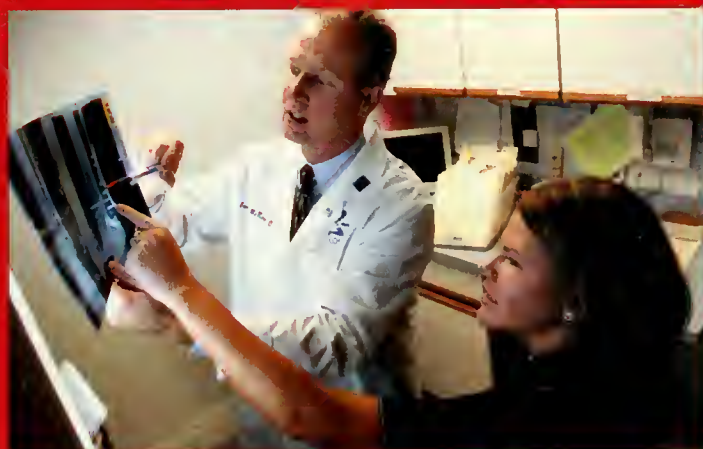


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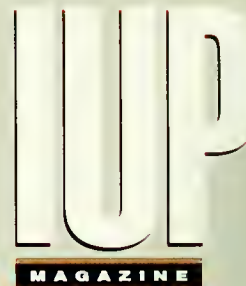
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Frank Cignetti '60, M '65 coaches his last IUP game.

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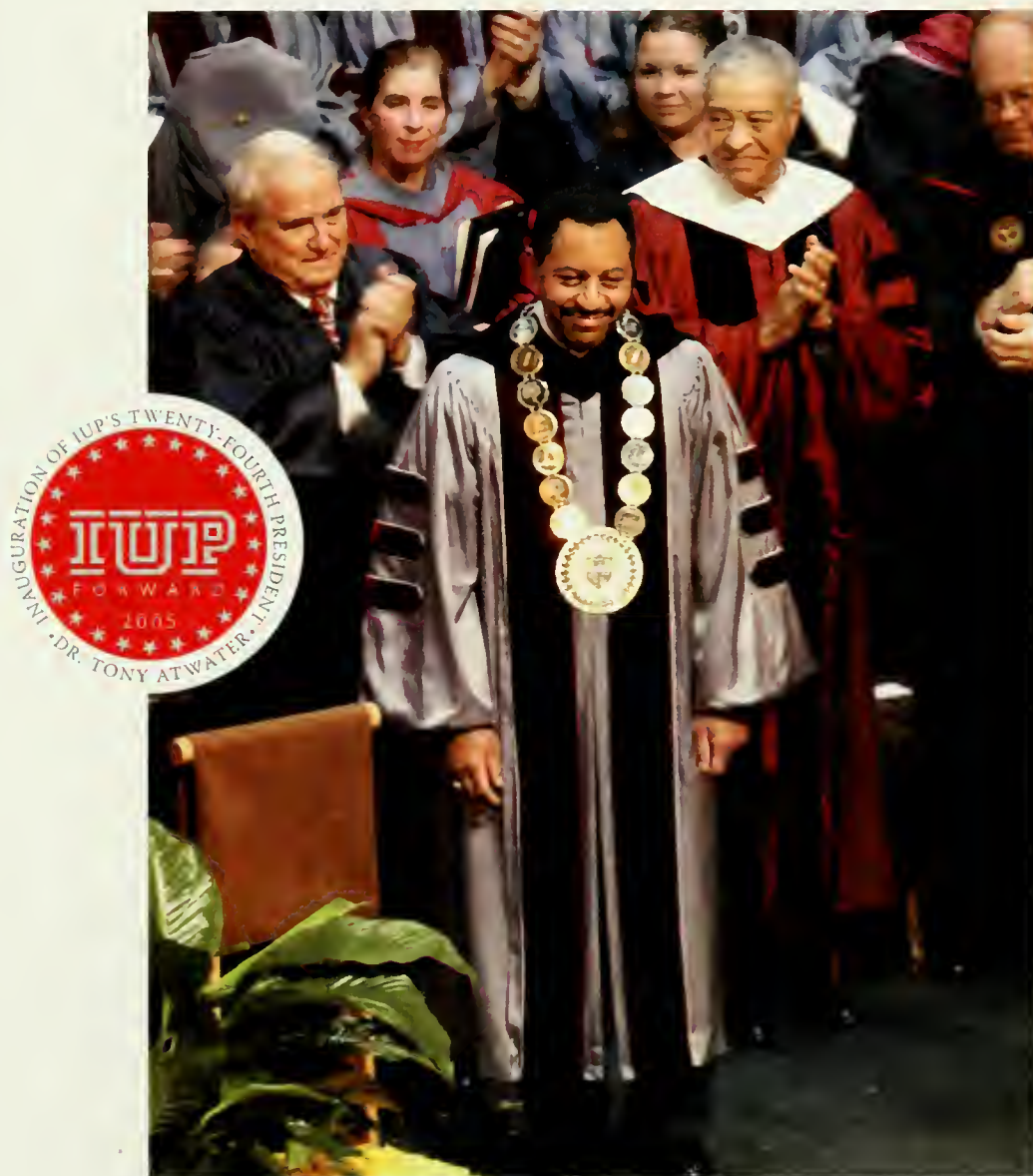
The concluding event in last fall's inaugural festivities was the Inaugural/Homecoming Ball at the Indiana Country Club.

Photograph by Keith Boyer.



The central events surrounding the inauguration of IUP's twenty-fourth president took place in early October. In preceding weeks, there were other festivities as well, including a Classic Westerns Film Festival, media symposia, and a Friends of the IUP Libraries program on "The Decision-Makers of Sutton Hall."

# INAUGURAL *COLLAGE*



● Atwater is the first IUP chief executive inaugurated with a new presidential medallion, which symbolizes the leadership responsibilities invested in the office. The medallion was crafted at Wendell August Forge. Behind Atwater, left to right: Indiana mayor George Hood; Alumni Association Executive Board secretary Catherine BurgerLeister '78; Student Government Association president Nikki Norris; Clifford Wharton, vice chair of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and former chairman and chief executive officer of TIAA-CREF; and David Sweet, president of Youngstown State University. ➤

"I am honored and humbled in assuming the role of the twenty-fourth president of an excellent university known as IUP...Indiana University of Pennsylvania..."

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER AND SAM CARLSON

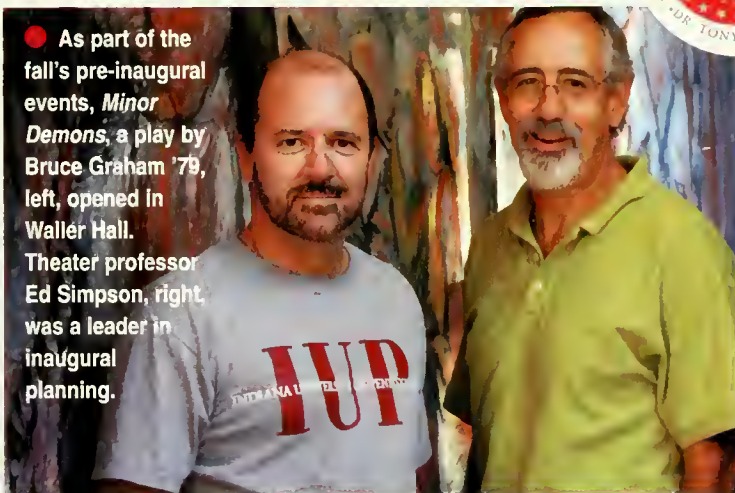
On the day after the inaugural ceremonies, a Magnificent Collage Concert in Fisher Auditorium featured the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Patricia Prattis Jennings, who performed *Rhapsody in Blue* on the celebrated Steinway & Sons piano that bears that name. Jazz pianist Joe Augustine also performed, as did an impressive number of IUP music groups and ensembles. The concert was free to the campus and the community.



● At an indoor picnic in Sutton Hall's Blue Room, while the Wildcat Regiment Band played in the background, Bruce Dries '84, left, portrayed John Sutton and Chip Engemann portrayed State Senator Harry White. Both gentlemen had been instrumental in locating a State Normal School at Indiana in the 1870s.



● President Atwater addressed those assembled for his inauguration in Fisher Auditorium. From left are Pennsylvania State System Board of Governors chairman Kenneth Jarin, Council of Trustees treasurer Robert Hovanec (behind the mace), and State System chancellor Judy Hample.



● As part of the fall's pre-inaugural events, *Minor Demons*, a play by Bruce Graham '79, left, opened in Waller Hall. Theater professor Ed Simpson, right, was a leader in inaugural planning.



● Beverly Roberts-Atwater joins her husband at the microphone at the Inaugural/Homecoming Ball at Indiana Country Club. The couple also established the Dr. Tony Atwater and Dr. Beverly Roberts-Atwater Presidential Scholars Fund to provide opportunities for first-generation college students at IUP.

“...a legacy of phenomenal development and growth from its humble beginnings in 1875. This extraordinary history reflects its evolution from Indiana State Normal School to Indiana State Teachers College, to Indiana State College, and finally to Indiana University of Pennsylvania.”





CLOCKWISE, UPPER LEFT: NPR newscaster Corey Flintoff joined other broadcasters in a pre-inaugural symposium that discussed "Media Bias: The War on Journalism." ● Three presidents, from left: Lawrence Pettit, 1992-2003, Tony Atwater, and John Welty, 1984-91. Welty is currently president of California State University at Fresno. ● Stanley Soffin, Michigan State University's ombudsman for seven years, was one of the ceremony's guest speakers. ● *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* staff writer Cindi Lash '80 participated in a pre-inaugural symposium panel that examined media bias in print publications. ● Jehmu Greene is president of Rock the Vote, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering young people to participate in the political process. She spoke at IUP in the fall as part of the university's Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative.



"It was the great humorist Will Rogers who once said, 'You can be on the right track, but if you're not moving on down the track, you'll get run over.' IUP is certainly on the right track. But our excellent university must move forward down that track or it may be overtaken by the market forces and currents of change that are gradually transforming our institution's destiny, and indeed the destiny of higher education in America."

# The Explorer



Sam Carlson

BY KAREN GRESH

In 1969, Tim Cejka arrived at IUP from Pittsburgh's Perry High School. He anticipated he would leave college four years later as an Earth Science teacher and thereafter dedicate himself to shaping young lives, secure within the confines of Steelers Nation.

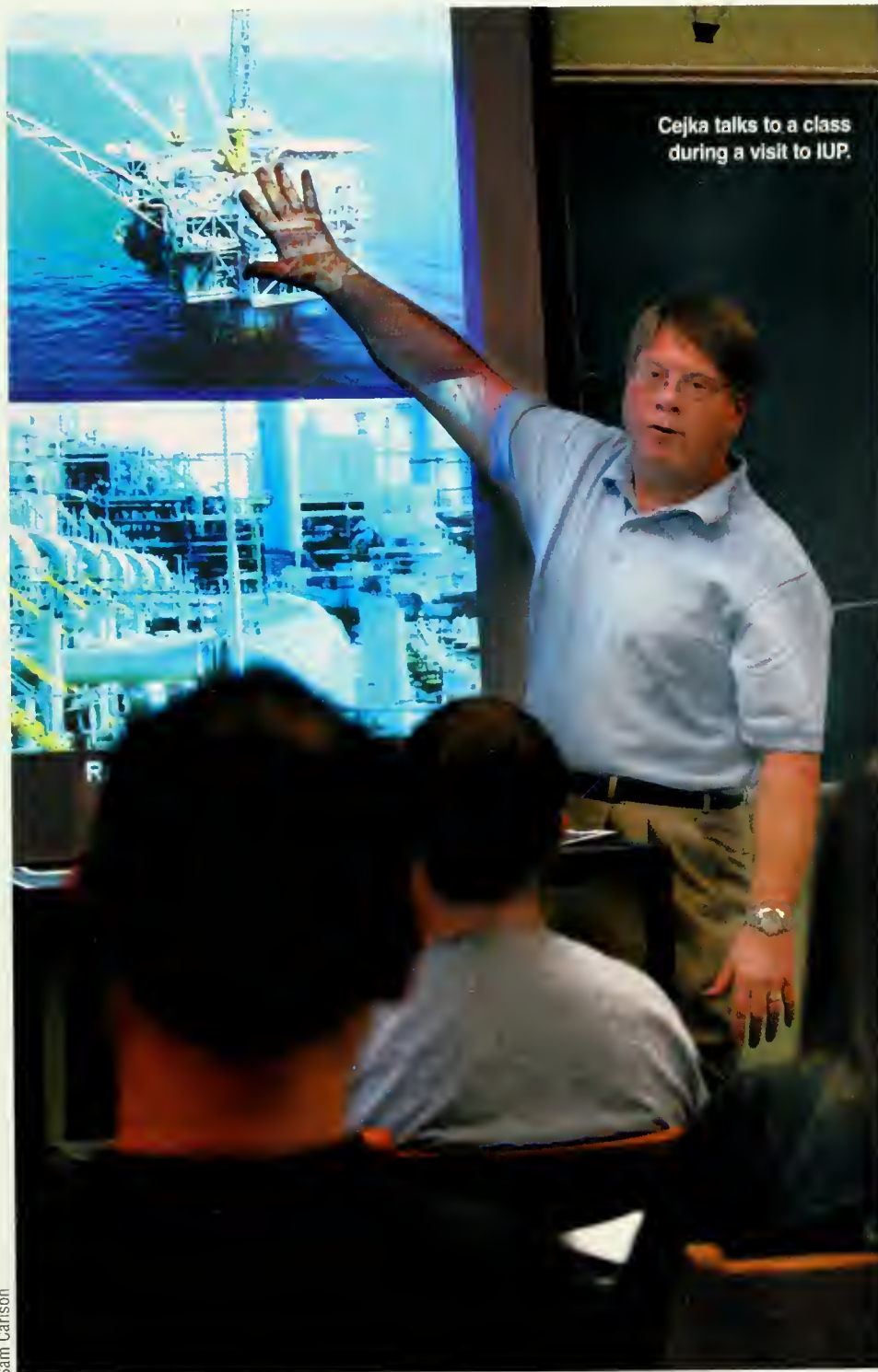
But at IUP, his life veered toward a more exotic destiny. He met and later married a woman who was, literally, from Utopia. And, because he changed his major after his freshman year, he was eventually to spend so much time in places like Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan that he "almost became a taxpayer."

Cejka's wife, Debra Phillips Cejka, comes from the Westmoreland County, Pennsylv-



Tim Cejka, center, with Richard Brown (ExxonMobil Middle East Exploration manager), left, and Nasser Jaidah (director of Oil and Gas Ventures, Qatar Petroleum) at Geo2004 in Bahrain.





Sam Carlson

nia, community of Utopia. Both she and her husband graduated from IUP in 1973. Cejka had by then become a Geology major. The department's former chairperson, Walter Granata, a Texaco veteran, told Cejka, "You should go to work as a geologist in the oil and gas industry."

Granata was right. Today, Cejka is president of ExxonMobil Exploration Company and a vice president of Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Cejka went on to study geophysics at the University of Texas and joined Exxon in 1975. Even now, he said, "Ninety percent of our company comprises people with degrees in geoscience and/or engineering. They are on top of technology. Our people are the best."

"We choose people really carefully, and we expect them to stay," Cejka said. Careers spent solely at Exxon Mobil are the rule, rather than the exception—a departure from trends

in most of modern corporate America.

"We are very much into career development and continuity," Cejka said.

Cejka's first role was as an exploration geophysicist for offshore California. He later served as a production geologist in New Orleans and then undertook supervisory positions in both onshore and offshore Gulf Coast operations. Eventually, he worked for three years as exploration advisor for Exxon's Dutch and German affiliates.

"There are two things in college I wish I'd taken," he said. "One is keyboarding. The other is cultural awareness."

ExxonMobil Exploration gives its international representatives all kinds of training in different cultures. They have to understand not only manners and mores but customs governing interpersonal interactions, as well. "In some countries, you have to build a relationship very slowly," Cejka said.

The company is in the business of finding sources of oil and gas and acquiring rights to them, but it also employs political scientists to assess various nations' business, governmental, and social frameworks.

"In western countries, we have a very businesslike, formal structure," Cejka said. "In other countries, business is done differently. Direct, one-on-one negotiation is usually best."

Most of the negotiation occurs with governments. "The United States is one of the few places in the world with private ownership of mineral rights," Cejka said.

Professional research and advice aside, there is no substitute for human observation. "Nothing," Cejka said, "replaces being on the ground. You have to comprehend the situations through your own eyes and ears."

Cejka has been "on the ground" a lot. In 1993, when Exxon created the Exxon Ventures company, he became its vice president of Exploration, traveling extensively and living for extended periods in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkmenistan. After Exxon and Mobil merged, he was named vice president for the Caspian/Middle East Region for ExxonMobil Exploration. In 2001, he assumed responsibilities for exploration and geoscience in Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and the Caspian Region.

The key to the whole negotiation/acquisition process is "relationship, relationship, relationship," Cejka said. Individuals valued for what he calls "rapport-building ability" serve as venture managers while negotiations take place.

"These are the kind of people who work





Cejka, left talks with his former IUP classmate John Taylor, center, who is now a Geoscience professor at the university, and with another faculty member, Michael Poage.

their whole lives for ExxonMobil Exploration but who don't want to work in Houston-and perhaps never do," Cejka said. "An example is the Frenchman who was hired in France, retired in France, and never worked in France."

In the thirty countries where it operates, Cejka's company has 1,500 employees-not that many, he said, "considering that we work the world." Of the 1,500, he says he has met at least 1,420 personally.

"The only assets in exploration are people," Cejka said. "My job is to get those people to their full capacity every day."

"We recruit globally, and we recruit on a diversity basis intentionally," he said. "We want diversity in thought, diversity in race, and diversity in gender." In the countries in which his company operates, well over 90 percent of

the company's employees are of local origin.

Half the recent worldwide geoscience recruits are female. "Women are in technical and leadership positions globally," he said. In some countries where equality and diversity are not as highly valued, "we usually build diversity after our presence has been established," he said. "We want to live up to our own culture of diversity."

Another part of company culture is eternal vigilance. "We do not like surprises," Cejka said. The company's Operations Integrity Management System contains eleven elements that mandate certain behaviors. For example, Element 10: Community Awareness and Emergency Preparedness suggests that "emergency planning and preparedness are essential to ensure that in the event of an incident, all

necessary actions are taken."

With the memory of the *Exxon Valdez* 1989 oil spill still haunting the industry, Cejka said, "Safety is our number-one responsibility. We do not believe in accidents. As a result, we have the world's number-one safety record."

ExxonMobil has its own meteorologists, and its safety sciences program is designed to identify and rehearse a series of worst-case scenarios. Safety drills are unannounced and not immediately identified as drills. "Rehearsals take away fear," Cejka said.

"Safety and ethics are the primary things new employees learn," Cejka said. "We love creativity, but it's got to be focused. We also have the most rigid drug and alcohol policy in the industry. Everyone from the top down is randomly tested."

As president of ExxonMobil Exploration, Cejka still shows up around the world when negotiations are in progress. Now, however, he is the opener or the closer. "I still go, but I don't stay as long," he said.

Cejka and his team were in Libya two weeks after it reopened to U.S. firms and their foreign subsidiaries. "The best food in Tripoli is Italian," he said. "I swear the seafood was so fresh it was still wiggling."

Despite all the world travel, or perhaps because of it, Cejka and his family value time spent at their ten-acre farm near Latrobe, Pennsylvania—secure within the confines of Steelers Nation. The 1862 farmhouse was built to last with twelve-by-twelve-foot oak beams, and every summer for the last eleven, there has been a new project to be undertaken. In 2005, it was fighting poison ivy by the trout stream.

Cejka speaks with pride of the couple's two daughters, one a Ph.D. candidate in Engineering Education at Tufts University and the other a Sam Houston University undergraduate with aspirations to teach third grade. He himself has fond memories of his time at IUP.

"The big concert was when Chicago was here," he said. "At Spring Fling, we'd have three days of bands. My bellbottoms were so wide in those days, I could have sailed."

Cejka was due back at IUP in December to give the Winter Commencement address and to receive an honorary doctorate. There's no word on the bellbottoms. 🐼

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Craig McKirgan goes over an x-ray with Randi Peabody.

# The Picture of Health

BY BOB FULTON / PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER

Randi Peabody continued snapping photographs, even though her subject never smiled, never even acknowledged her presence.

Anneloek Rauwerdink was, after all, under general anesthesia.

Rauwerdink's misfortune—she suffered a dislocated ankle and fractured fibula during warm-ups for an IUP field hockey match at Kutztown—turned into a learning experience for Peabody, an athletic training major. She toted a digital camera into the operating

room and observed as physician Craig McKirgan repaired the damage and inserted a plate and screws to stabilize the fracture and the joint.

"He let me right in there," said Peabody, a senior from Mechanicsburg. "I was probably two feet away. I'd never been in a surgery before, so it was quite an experience. I took pictures to bring back to show everyone."

While documenting surgical procedures with a camera might strike some as odd, it's a common practice for IUP athletic training students. The program has existed for more than thirty years, but it really blossomed with accreditation in 2001. Graduates are in such demand that Ron Trenney '82, assistant professor/chairperson in the Department of Health and Physical Education, regularly fields calls from prospective employers eager to harvest some of IUP's latest crop.

"People contact us saying, 'Do you have any students that haven't

Frank Trenney (center) discusses basketball player Andre Matthews's knee with student trainer Zane Heiple.



taken jobs yet? Every year we get that,” said Trenney, who served as IUP’s head trainer from 1986 to 1998. “If they weren’t happy with our graduates, they wouldn’t be calling us. What speaks loudest for us is really our students themselves. They are great examples of our education program.”

Trenney and other faculty members teach courses such as Anatomy, Physiology, Sports Nutrition, Orthopaedic Evaluation, Therapeutic Modalities, and Therapeutic Rehabilitation. Students then apply their classroom lessons in a clinical setting, doing hands-on athletic training work for anywhere from three hundred to five hundred hours each semester. Under the supervision of head trainer Frank Trenney ’92 and assistants Jessie Baum and Rob Baron M’01, they work with athletes to prevent injuries, evaluate and treat those that do occur, and plan and monitor rehabilitation regimens.

“You can use the analogy of a student teacher,” said Frank Trenney, Ron’s younger brother. “A student goes in and teaches in the classroom, but the teacher will supervise that student and oversee them and is readily available to interject and intercede.”

IUP’s athletic training students quickly learn that the greater their knowledge, the greater their responsibilities in a clinical setting.

“Our first-semester students, all they are asked to do in the athletic training room is tape, brace, and fit people for equipment, because that’s all they’ve been taught,” Ron Trenney said. “But after their first semester, because they’ve taken an Orthopaedic Evaluation class, they’re expected to perform evaluations in the athletic training room. By the time they’re seniors, they’re going to learn how to rehabilitate injuries, how to read x-rays and MRIs, and how to provide modality—that’s using electrical stimulators and ultrasound and Type II lasers, which heal deep tissue. They are always taught the skills in the class and tested on them before we ask them to start performing those skills in the clinical setting.”

That’s where athletic training students reap the benefits of IUP’s relationship with the Center for Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine, located less than a mile from campus. The doctors at COSM don’t just treat athletes; they take an active role in educating students during

operations, Wednesday night clinics for injured IUP athletes, and Saturday morning clinics in the fall, where football players from area high schools are treated.

“I’ve heard a lot of positive comments from our students about working with the physicians, especially in the OR,” Baum said. “If they get permission from the athlete, I’ll give them a camera, and they’ll take pictures and observe the surgery. But the physicians are really taking a lot of time during those surgeries to show them things, to explain things. It’s the same when they’re observing patients at the clinics. The doctors will point out things on the x-rays and quiz the students, ask them, ‘OK, what’s this?’ It puts them on the spot a little bit, but it makes them think.”

Besides working the clinics, the doctors at COSM staff every IUP football game, both home and away; every men’s and women’s basketball game at Memorial Field House; and every postseason event. A student is observing all the while, taking advantage of opportunities that aren’t necessarily available at other schools.

“I’d say for a Division II institution, the sports medicine program at IUP is probably one of the tops in the nation,” McKirgan said. “Most Division II institutions don’t have the resources or the abilities to do the things that these student athletic trainers have.”

Including the opportunity to observe surgeries at Indiana Regional Medical Center. “Pretty much any time there’s an athlete over at the university who ends up having surgery, an athletic training student is in the OR watching,” said physician Dave Bizousky, who shares an office with McKirgan at COSM. “I really doubt that’s something that’s very accessible to athletic training students at other places.”

IUP’s students benefit because they consequently experience the whole spectrum of care involved in restoring an athlete’s health.

“It’s so beneficial for our students,” Ron Trenney said. “They saw the injury happen, they’ve seen the x-ray, they’ve seen the surgery, and now they see how that injury’s going to be cared for. It completes the whole picture for them.”

Graduates of the program have made their mark all over the country, and beyond. For example, Edinboro head trainer Gary



# WHAT IS A PHYSIATRIST?

BY STEPHANIE MLOT / PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER

Hanna '78 worked at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, and helped establish an outpatient sports medicine clinic in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain. Bill Ford '79 served as a head trainer in the NFL, with the Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions. Don Koshute '91 and Chris Stewart '93, M'96 have worked as head trainers for various minor league hockey teams. And Paul Imbrogno '75 owns Laurel Highlands Health Center, which renders rehabilitation services at five offices in Western Pennsylvania.

Imbrogno's example underscores the fact that graduates aren't limited to athletic training positions. The field is surprisingly diverse. Some go on to physical therapy school. Others become physicians' assistants, qualified to take patient histories, set up home exercise programs, apply casts, etc. One of Peabody's classmates is considering massage therapy school. Corporations are also hiring athletic training graduates.

"We're reaching into a lot of different areas," Frank Trenney said. "One that seems to be growing is corporate and industrial. A lot of corporations are now focusing on wellness issues with their employees, and they're hiring athletic trainers to come in."

The demand is skyrocketing. And many employers don't just want athletic training graduates; they want IUP athletic training graduates.

"I think the most positive feedback we get is the fact that people are constantly asking for our students," Ron Trenney said. "We had one, Luke Bradley—he's now working toward his doctorate in physical therapy at Gannon University—who did an internship with the Pittsburgh Steelers in training camp. Ryan Grove [one of the team's assistant trainers] told me, 'Listen, any time you have a student that would like to come down here and work with us, you just give me a call. We'll make sure it happens.'"

Prospective employers realize IUP athletic training students rank among the elite, versed in every aspect of the profession. They've learned to evaluate and treat injuries, to read x-rays and MRIs, to plan and monitor rehab regimens.

Why, they've even snapped photos of IUP athletes. Not on the field or on the court, mind you. In the OR. 🐼



As a physiatrist, Beverly Roberts-Atwater focuses on the integration of nerve, muscle, and bone. She also emphasizes the importance of positive outlooks, as she explains to Catherine Prato.



As a doctor, when your favorite patients are ballroom dancers, stroke victims, and amputees, you're most likely a physiatrist.

Physiatrists (fizz-ee-at'-trists) are physicians who specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation (or, as they put it, in PM&R). They work to prevent, diagnose, and nonsurgically treat disorders associated with disability. Beverly Roberts-Atwater, wife of IUP's president, Tony Atwater, is a physiatrist working to improve the quality of life for her patients.

Working in physical medicine involves the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders with the use of modalities, medication, procedures, and exercise. Rehabilitation is the process of helping the person with disabilities to maximize the ability to function again with the use of equipment and assistive devices, such as splints, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. Physiatrists know exactly which device works for which injury, enabling them to help the patient as quickly as possible.

Physiatrists are trained to work with all physical rehabilitation patients and to focus on the integration between nerve, muscle, and bone and how they work together in the human body. The conditions treated by physiatry include amputations, arthritis, brain injuries, burns, cancer, cardiac disorders, orthopaedic injuries, pain disorders, stroke, spinal cord, and trauma. With additional training, physiatrists may perform other procedures such as spinal nerve blocks, Botox treatment, and acupuncture.

Physiatry utilizes a team to help patients achieve quality of life. At the outset of rehabilitation, the physiatrist may give appropriate orders to the therapist before the treatment starts. It may take two or three weeks until patients can be medically stabilized, after

which they are ready for the physiatrist.

Physiatrists always try to encourage patients to think positively. Roberts-Atwater believes that physiatrists must "always have a positive outlook."

PM&R began when Howard Rusk founded rehabilitation medicine after World War II. Later, Frank Krusen coined the term "physiatry" and developed the first residency program at the Mayo Clinic. Physiatry was initially recognized as a specialty in 1939 and became American Board established in 1947.

Physiatrists need the proper schooling to work in their field of medicine. It starts with an undergraduate degree followed by four years of medical school, after which a one-year internal medicine internship is completed. An additional three years are spent working in physical medicine and rehab, where diseases and disorders are studied. Roberts-Atwater found her twelve years of higher education to be "well worth it" in the long run.

What is Roberts-Atwater's favorite part of being a physiatrist? "It's cool," she said. Her mantra is "We are living longer, [and] there is no reason why we shouldn't be functioning longer."

Roberts-Atwater is one of only two physiatrists in the Indiana, Pa., area. There are six thousand physiatrists around the country, including Patrick Patteson Carone '90, who works in North Carolina.

"The clinical aspect of physiatry that I'm mostly involved with now," Carone said, "is procedural pain management. As CEO of Carolina Rehabilitation and Surgical Associates, I'm also involved in the operational and developmental aspects of the business of running the practice."

Stephanie Mlot is a sophomore Journalism major at IUP from Ellicott City, Md.



# IUP

## LIFESTYLES



Catherine Prato

## Rising from the ashes

**A**fter the Sigma Chi house on South Seventh Street was gutted by fire in April, 2004, alumni rallied to help build the university's first from-the-ground-up fraternity house. Scheduled to welcome occupants this month, the new house accommodates twenty members in ten two-man bedrooms. Complete with a living area, game area, chapter room, computer lab, and four separate restrooms, the structure is wired for cable, phone, and Internet access.

According to Ed Rammrath '79, president

Sigma Chi house construction was in its final stages last fall when several alumni instrumental in its progress posed on the new front porch. Left to right: Jeff Bird '85, Fund-raising Committee; Tom Clark '79, House Corporation secretary; Ed Rammrath '79, corporation president; and Joe Franceschini '78, Construction Committee



Catherine Prato





The new house at the corner of Seventh and Washington streets is at the site of the one destroyed nearly two years ago by fire.

of the Sigma Chi House Corporation, the nucleus of the effort was "eleven dedicated IUP Sigma Chi alumni" who formed the house board. They were augmented by an additional six volunteers, who assisted with many aspects of the project.

Rammrath paid special tribute to local Sigma Chi alumnus Richard Clawson '74. "Dick is the executive officer of the Indiana-Armstrong Builders Association," Rammrath said, "and he was on site just about every day to ensure all aspects of the construction were handled properly."

Funds for construction came from insurance, borrowing, and a fund-raising campaign. Before Thanksgiving, Rammrath said they had "raised \$85,000 of our \$100,000 target, primarily through letters, one-on-one solicitations, and a calling blitz last summer. It's also interesting to note that we've received \$8,500 from non-IUP Sigma Chi members and \$5,500 from local business people."

# "WHAT THEY SAID"

## Lancaster (Pa.)

### *Intelligencer Journal:*

"Unlike some highly successful business owners, Sam Stoltzfus always plays it safe. About a decade ago, Stoltzfus, president of Keystone Wood Specialties in East Lampeter Township, decided to prioritize safety and adopt measures that raised the bar on safety in the wood-working industry. As a result, *Occupational Hazards* magazine has named Keystone to its list of America's Safest Companies of 2005, a list that totals a dozen...Keystone voluntarily partnered with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Onsite Consultation program, which helped it achieve accolades from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration."

*("But Is It Safe?" by Patrick Burns, October 24, 2005)*

## Daytona Beach (Fla.) *News-Journal:*

"Ken Western was sitting in his boat on Angela Lake trying to get his cantankerous motor to start a few weeks ago when he glanced into the water and did a quick double-take. About 100 balloon-like creatures were swimming in the water around the boat. 'Why are there jellyfish in a freshwater lake?' he asked two friends in the boat, Alex Vazquez and Pete Armstrong. They were all stumped. They'd seen jellyfish at the beach many times but never while fishing in Deltona. They scooped one up and took a closer look. It was about the size of a quarter with tentacles around the edge, Western said... When Western and his friends returned home, Armstrong turned to the Internet to figure out what they had seen. He found the Web site of Dr. Terry Peard, a professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania who has studied the clear little creatures for more than 15 years. Technically, they're not really jellyfish. They're hydrozoas. But, they're more common than people realize, Peard said. They're found in lakes

throughout the country and in every state, except Alaska and six others in the north central United States. While they may not be as intrusive as the headline-grabbing Burmese pythons in South Florida, the jellyfish are just another one of the dozens of exotic species that have invaded Florida and other states."

*("Freshwater jellyfish no fish tale" by Dinah Voyles Pulver, October 25, 2005)*

## Santa Fe (N.M.) *New Mexican:*

"Roughly 20 percent of the men who end up in court-ordered, batterer-treatment programs will respond positively, said Edward Gondolf of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Gondolf and his team studied batterer programs in major U.S. cities to evaluate their effectiveness. The team interviewed the wives of batterers before and after the treatment of their spouses. They also interviewed the batterers. Gondolf's study found that at least 20 percent of men do not respond to group programs for batterers. Men who don't benefit from the programs usually have fathers or uncles who were batterers. They often have long rap sheets, previous convictions for violent offenses, and a history of drug or alcohol use. They sometimes have psychological disorders. The remaining 60 percent of men who participate in batterer programs fall somewhere between the responsive men, who never reoffend, and the unresponsive men. 'One of the biggest issues out there right now is to what degree are batterer-treatment programs effective?' Gondolf said. 'Our research shows that the programs do contribute something.'"

*("Dealing with anger" by Natalie Storey, November 9, 2005)*



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

CHRONICLES

## Well Rounded & Ready



Chelsea Grove has added to her list of accomplishments a scholarship from Financial Executives International. The senior Finance major from Indiana spent a summer in Egypt, learning Arabic language and culture, then spent the next summer in Ocean City, Md., doing the typical college-kid thing—waitressing. Grove is not the typical student, however. She is serving her second year as the student member of the university's Council of Trustees.

### Student Ambassadors

Six of the twenty-four students inducted this year into the IUP Ambassadors Student Alumni

Association are sophomores in the Honors College. They are Gina Russo from Lakewood, Colo.; Darcee Schmidt from Plymouth, Minn.; Liesel Dorrow from Camp Hill; Ryan Easton from Edinboro; Kristen Taddie from Homer City; and Melissa Yates from Pottstown.

### Alumni Notes

Less than a month into her new job as assistant tennis coach at Lamar University, Yvonne Niederbracht '04 ended up evacuating to Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her team to avoid Hurricane Rita. While none of her personal property was damaged, her university's sports complex incurred more than \$6 million in damage, she discovered upon her return four weeks later.

*PoliticsPA.com* named Dave Reed '00, a member of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives, among its Most Attractive. Reed represents Pennsylvania's Sixty-Second District, which includes Indiana County.

## Blown Away

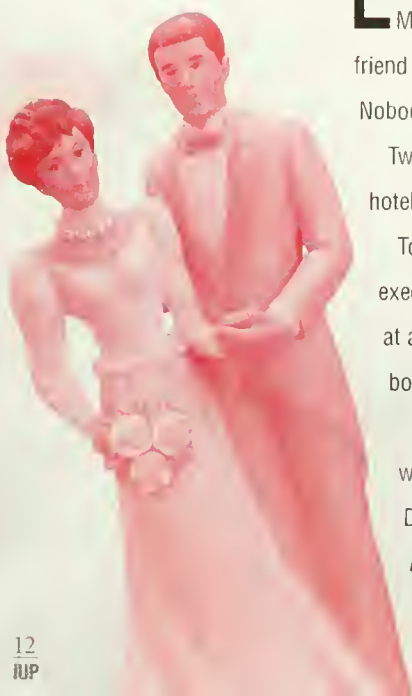
Last October, two years after their IUP graduation, Marco Island (Fla.) residents Alisa Barr and Chris Miller were looking forward to their wedding on the beach, followed by a hotel reception. A long-time friend of Barr's parents arrived to perform the ceremony. Family and friends flew in from Pennsylvania. Nobody counted on another, uninvited, visitor to the beach that weekend: Hurricane Wilma.

Two days before the wedding, Collier County commissioners issued a mandatory closing order. The hotel canceled the wedding, the reception, everything.

To the rescue came the publisher and staff of the *Marco Island Eagle*, where the couple are account executives. The newspaper's publisher arranged for the Protestant pastor from Punxsutawney to officiate at a Naples, Fla., Catholic church. The publisher herself provided music for the ceremony on the keyboard, while her husband played the cello.

Another account executive baked a four-tier wedding cake (complete with matching cupcakes), which was served in space provided by the church. The newspaper's advertising sales manager tracked down a DJ, and yet another account executive picked up ice (a scarce commodity), wine glasses, and tablecloths. *Eagle* staff members and their family members served guests, tended bar, and washed dishes.

Thanks to the kindness of others, by the time the hurricane finally hit, Barr and Miller were married.

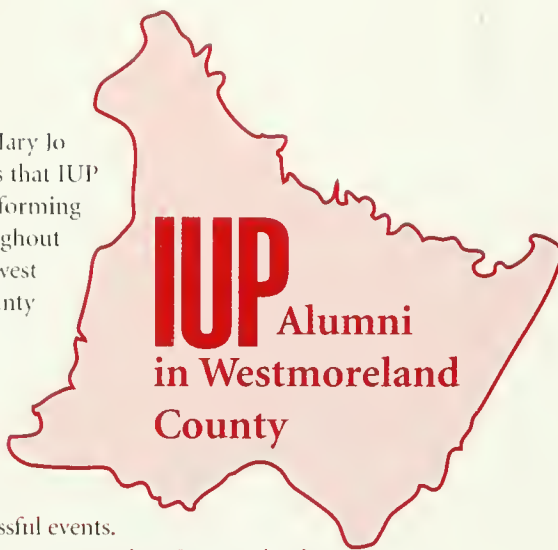




## CHAPTERS IN THE WORKS

**D**irector of Alumni Relations Mary Jo Banks Lyttle '86, M'89 reports that IUP Alumni Association chapters are forming and growing in many areas throughout the United States. One of the newest chapters is the Westmoreland County Chapter. Under the leadership of Larry Buckwalter '68, Scott Harshman '92, Sally Kees '68, Marjorie Turley Nelson '61, Jim Perry '71, William Scheeren '68, and Deborah Wojciechowski '80, the group has held two very successful events.

In June, the chapter sponsored an event at the Westmoreland Country Club to introduce area alumni to President Tony Atwater and his wife, Beverly Roberts-Atwater. In October, chapter members hosted a networking event at Pepperwood Grille. For additional information on the Westmoreland County Chapter, alumni are invited to contact Larry Buckwalter at 724-289-8740. For information on any IUP alumni chapter or service available to alumni, call 1-800-937-2487 or visit the Alumni Association on line at [www.iup.edu/alumni](http://www.iup.edu/alumni)



## From a Marine's eyes

**I**n mid-September, 2003, Christopher Reese '96 returned to the United States after more than two hundred days on active duty in the Middle East. A staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, Reese's tour of duty included about fifty days in Iraq. Upon return to the U.S., he quickly put together an exhibit of his best images, which opened in Washington, D.C., and has since traveled to Tampa, Los Angeles, San Diego, Pittsburgh, and York (Pa.).

In November, 2005, *Operation Iraqi Freedom: From a Marine's Eyes* was showcased at the Art Institute of New York City. The focus of the exhibit was on elements of Operation Iraqi Freedom that most Americans could not see on television. Reese believes that the mainstream media outlets leaned towards highlighting bullets, bombs, and blood instead of the rebuilding efforts. He wanted to show that a soldier's experience was about more than just violence, he said.

For more information, visit *IUP Magazine* on line. (Full information about the exhibit, including photos, can be found at [www.rockyblues.com/oif](http://www.rockyblues.com/oif).)



## IUP LETTERS

### Hooray for Hockey

**I**would like to thank Bob Fulton for his article "Surprise Party" in the Summer, 2005, issue of IUP Magazine.

After five years of attending IUP and playing ice hockey, it was nice to get some press in the school's magazine. It made many people who would not have known about our accomplishment have a feeling of pride in their former school.

I thought the article was very well written. Many alumni have commented on the article, and it was nice to see. Also, a request for more copies of the article was granted and was much appreciated.

Thanks again.

Adam Curry '05  
Johnstown, Pa.

### A Note of Thanks

I am currently an associate professor of food, nutrition, and hospitality at Ohio University and am also director of the didactic program in dietetics. I must tell you that the faculty members in dietetics at IUP have been an inspiration over the years.

I am very thankful for the education and training that I received at IUP. The foundation for my success as a teacher, researcher, and leader was built at IUP. Not only do the dietetics faculty members teach, but they also invest their time into doing research and service, including work helping to solve the problem of hunger in Indiana County.

I just learned from your magazine that the new Northpointe campus is just a couple of miles down the road from my childhood home. That's exciting!

David Holben '85  
Athens, Ohio

# IUP

## CLASSNOTES

### Designation of Codes

- AA** Associate of Arts Degree  
**CA** Academy of Culinary Arts  
**D** Doctoral Degree  
**M** Master's Degree



Keith Boyer

**AMBASSADORS TO CAMPUS:** University president Tony Atwater, left, and Alumni Association president David Mawhinney '86, right, with those honored last fall as Alumni Ambassadors. Left to right, front row: Renee Zettle-Sterling '93, Rafael Rivera-Vigo '99, and Marissa Carney '00. Back row: Dave Reed '00, Maureen Janel Walls-McKay '88, D'95, and Robert Scherrer '96, M'99

### 1940s

A group of Delta Sigma Epsilon alumni, all graduates from 1949 through 1951, reunite every year. ANDREW SHAUL '49 sent in a picture of this year's group, which included his wife, Ruth Van Ormer Shaul '49. For the photo, visit Web Extra at [www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag/webextra](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag/webextra).

### 1950s

Johnstown residents SALLY STEWART '56, M'67 and CAROLYN SCHRADER VAUGHN '58, M'73 recently showcased their artwork at the Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center.

After a long career in New Jersey education, WILLETTA LOVE MULHORN '59 was honored last May with the Crystal Rose Award

at the Salem County Women's Leadership Symposium. Although she started as a math teacher, Mulhorn went on to serve as interim president of Salem Community College and as superintendent of the county's schools. In retirement, she divides her year between the Jersey shore and Clanton, Ala.

### 1960s

A previous winner of two Editor's Choice awards from the International Library of Poetry, Monessen, Pa., resident ELLEN HANSEN LEAR '68 was included in the 2003, 2004, and 2005 editions of *International Who's Who in Poetry*.



## 1970s

After retiring from international marketing with AT&T, KATH VADAS COLCLASER '71 moved to North Carolina to start her own pottery and fiber business at her home and studio on Artists Alley in Blowing Rock, N.C., where she lives with two cats, a Corgi, a kayak, and several pairs of hiking boots. Starting with a successful open studio over Labor Day weekend, she has also displayed her work in the Acorn Gallery in West Jefferson.

Artwork by Frostburg, Md., residents COLLEEN CONRAD STUMP '76, M'81, director of publications at Frostburg State University, and her husband, CHUCK STUMP '73, M'80, an art teacher at Fort Hill High School, was included in the exhibition "Birds of a Feather" at the university's Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery. Chuck exhibited large ceramic urns, and Colleen showed her recent jewelry and photography.

After twenty-five years of service, BEVERLY DAVIS '77 retired from the San Diego Sheriff's Department, where her last assignment was supervision of the Family Protection Detail. She now lives in Mount Joy, Pa.

Johnstown resident JUDITH LANTOS FINKELSTEIN M'77 recently showcased her artwork at the Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center.

RANDY FULCOMER '78, a senior loss control consultant for Hartford Insurance, lives in Hardy, Va.

JOHN FIRKETIC '79, M'81 joined the consulting and operations firm of Woodard and Curran as vice president for the company's Environmental Information Services group. He lives in Orono, Me., with his wife, Kimberly.

LOU GRENCI '79, district manager for Marmon/Keystone Corporation, lives in Butler with his wife, TERRI KEPPEL GRENCI '79, and their two children.

## 1980s

WADE LAUER '81 was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as director of the Criminal Records and Identification Division of the State Police Bureau of Records and Identification. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife, JOAN SHUMAKER LAUER '84, and children, Matthew, Alyssa, and Leah.

Kathy Bearer Samay '81, administrative assistant for the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, lives in Johnstown with her husband, LAWRENCE SAMAY '82, business manager for the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra.

Residents of Apollo, Pa., SUSAN OTT '82, her husband, Howard, and their children, Larry, Christine, Tim, and Sarah, recently welcomed four adopted brothers to their family: Joseph, Justin, David, and Michael.

A teacher in the Carlisle School District, DENISE MARTIN ESCHENMANN '83 was a finalist for the 2006 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. She lives in Carlisle with her husband, Michael.

ROBERT KUBAT '83, M'85, the registrar at Purdue University, divides his time between West Lafayette, Ind., and his home in Oxford, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, ANNE MARIE GALLAGHER KUBAT '83, M'84, and their children.

Pittsburgh resident ANDREW MAHONEY '83 recently exhibited his artwork at the Bedford County Art Center.

# Awards

### ■ Alumni Ambassador Awards

*Awarded to graduates who are alumni of ten years or less during Homecoming Weekend, to the following:*

- Marissa Carney '00, a reporter at WTAJ-TV in Altoona
- David Reed '00, a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives of Indiana
- Rafael Rivera-Vigo '99, a managerial staff member at Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort in Florida
- Robert Scherrer '96, M'99, principal of Woodland Hills High School near Pittsburgh
- Maureen Walls-McKay '88, D'95, a member of the psychology faculty at Longwood University
- Renee Zettle-Sterling '93, a member of the art faculty at Grand Valley State University in Michigan

### ■ Named Among Best Business Schools

Eberly College of Business and Information Technology for the second year in a row by the Princeton Review by being included in the guidebook *Best 237 Business Schools*.

### ■ Teacher Educator of the Year

Awarded by the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators to Valeri Helterbran of the Professional Studies in Education Department

### ■ Statistical Education Award

Presented by Mu Sigma Rho, the national honor society for statistics, to Tom Short of the Mathematics Department

### ■ Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award

Presented by the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association to Kate Linder, IUP's director of Student Conduct

### ■ William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award

Awarded by the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association to Brian Chubb, a graduate student from Halifax, Pa.

SCOTT MORGAN '83, president of the Blattner Brunner advertising agency, lives in Canonsburg, Pa., with his wife, Lauren, and daughter, Cameron.

CAROLYN VIVALDI SOKOLOW '83 is senior director of strategic marketing communications and editor of the alumni magazine at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Steve, live in Elkins Park, Pa.

Lt. Col. SCOT "DEABS" DEABENDERFER '84 has retired from the Marine Corps, is the chief pilot for MedSTAR Transport in Washington D.C., and lives in Felton, Del., with his wife, Evangeline, and sons, Aaron and Kyle.

PAUL HELD '84 is a freelance musician (piano and trumpet) in southern Germany, working in hotels and venues in the

Heidelberg area, where he lives with his wife and children.

DAVID HOLBEN '85, an associate professor of food, nutrition, and hospitality at Ohio University and director of the didactic program in dietetics, coauthored the book *Community Nutrition in Action: An Entrepreneurial Approach*. He lives in Athens, Ohio, with his wife, Lisa, and two sons.

BRAD MILLER '85 of Levittown, Pa., reports that he's been "happily divorced for five years," is the financial services manager at Thompson Lexus in Doylestown, and is a member of the Philadelphia Area IUP Young Professionals committee.

WILLIAM GORMAN '87, M'05, police supervisor for the City of Pittsburgh, recently earned his master's degree in Criminology from IUP.

JOHN MAWHINNEY '87, working in sales and purchasing for Camalloy, Inc., lives in Hickory, Pa., with his wife, Tammy, and children, Madelyn and Ian.

Oxford Area High School business and technology education teacher KIMBERLY BROSE WEBBER '88 was named the Pennsylvania 2005 Business Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Business Education

Association. She lives in Port Deposit, Md., with her husband, Daniel.

Johnstown resident GERALD ZAHORCHAK M'88 has been appointed Secretary of Education for Pennsylvania.

MARIAN WILKINS AYRES '89 lives in McDonald, Pa., with her husband, Tim, and children, Steven, Mark, and Luke.



## EAST MEETS WEST:

Last fall's University Museum show in Sutton Hall was "Eastern Religions Come to Western Pennsylvania." Visitors were impressed with the diversity of religious experience reflected in the exhibit that was curated by Philosophy professor Stuart Chandler.



An officer with Mellon Financial, JOANNI LIPNICKY GARLOH '89 received her M.B.A. in International Business from Point Park University. She lives in Bethel Park with her husband, Samuel.

## 1990s

An elementary school counselor and lead teacher with Pequea Valley School District, CHRISTOPHER LAUDO '90 is also president of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association and serves on the Positions Statements Committee for the American School Counselor Association. He lives in Strasburg, Pa., with his wife, Teresa.

DEANNA PONTANI LAVERICK '91, M'92, D'95, a kindergarten teacher for the Penns Manor School District and a part-time faculty member in IUP's Professional Studies in Education department, lives in Clymer with her husband, Randy.

The wedding ceremony of CHRISTINE MELKO '91, a communications officer for the City of Virginia Beach (Va.), and David Riffard included LINDA TUCCI '90. Christine directs the Higher Step Learning Program for disadvantaged youth in Norfolk.

LEIGH SCHIFFY SLOSEK '92, M'93 and her husband, Daniel, live in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, with their children, Abigail, Zachary, and Benjamin.

PAUL NORO '93, M'95, the principal of Kerr Elementary School in the Fox Chapel Area School District, lives in Gibsonia, Pa., with his wife, JENNIFER TREMPUS NORO '97, M'00, a school guidance counselor for the Butler

Area School District, and their two children.

The wedding party of Bridgeville, Pa., resident HEATHER SZAFRANSKI '94, a media relations specialist at Allegheny General Hospital, to Jim Holtschlag included bridesmaid LORI HERVOI SCHWILG '95.

MICHAEL CAREY M'95, executive director of both the Grand Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa and the fraternity's foundation, lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Michael, Joey, and Colleen.

After receiving her hospice certification, KRISTIE KATZENBACH SMITH '95 went to work as a registered nurse at the Wissahickon Hospice, part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Her husband, ROBERT SMITH '95, is a juvenile probation officer for Montgomery County and recently graduated from Shippensburg with a master's degree in criminal justice administration. They live in Jeffersonville with their daughter, Abigail.

CONNIE JO PONCE '96 is a licensed psychologist working in private practice. She lives in Hobbs, N.M., with MATTHEW YANKUSKIL '96, executive director of Vistacare Hospice.

DAVID DiPALMA '97, a senior systems engineer for Allegheny General Hospital, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, JENNIFER KUKULSKI DiPALMA '97, and their daughter, Allison.

The human resource manager at St. Andrew's Village, a retirement and senior living com-

## BOOKENDS & MORE

### PIGSKIN PLEASURES

Frank Cignetti's retirement is this edition's cover story, but just before he announced his retirement, the Local History Company, through Towers Maguire Publishing, released *Steel City Gridirons* by David Finoli and Chris Fletcher. Dubbed on the back cover as "a veritable smorgasbord of pigskin pleasures," the book carries a chapter about the history of IUP football, covering high points and low moments and definitively names Cignetti the greatest coach of a school that has a very rich football tradition. The chapter also cites the laurels of coaches George Miller and Chuck Klausing and players Jim Haslett, Chris Villarrial, Dave Smith, Rich Ingold, Brian Eyerman, Tony Aliucci, Leander Jordan, and more.

Another of the book's chapters, "The Feel-Good Football Story of 2004," concentrates on the relationship between NFL recruiter Joe Linta and Khiawatha Downey, a Pitt starter diagnosed with multiple sclerosis who transferred to IUP into Cignetti's ranks, and, ultimately, ended up auditioning for the San Francisco 49ers.

### ACADEMIC

An associate professor of food, nutrition, and hospitality at Ohio University, David Holben '85 is director of the didactic program in dietetics and has co-authored the book *Community Nutrition in Action: An Entrepreneurial Approach*, 4/e. He, his wife, and two sons live in Athens, Ohio.

Gerri Bates D'97 has published *Alice Walker: A Critical Companion* through Greenwood Press. It is one of the volumes in the Critical Companions to Popular Contemporary Writers series. The book provides biographical information, literary contexts, and critical analyses of Walker's eight novels.

### SELF-PUBLISHED

Influenced by the adoption of her three children, Suzanne Popke D'97 has published *Siberian Pearls: A Buryat Journey*, released by Publish America. A psychologist for the Wisconsin Community Mental Health Counseling Centers in Whitewater and Elkhorn, Popke traveled twice to Buraytia to adopt her sons. She and her husband, Robert Siemann, are the parents of Zachery, Hayden, and Alexander. Popke is writing a sequel, *Siberian Pearls: the Buryat Journey Continues Overland*, which will describe what happened after the adoption and the boys' lives in the United States.

*Oh, Why Do I Have to Be So Sticky?*, a children's book with a catchy name, has been released by Trafford Publishing. Penned by Ken Trimbler '74 and his wife, Michelle, the book follows the adventures of Doris Jean Grabowski, nicknamed Sticky. A second book follows Sticky and her Brownie Troop, and Trimbler and team are working on more Sticky books.

munity, MELISSA TOWNSEND-FISHER '99, M'00 lives in Indiana with her husband, Chris, and son, Mason.

MICHAEL WROBLEWSKI '99, an associate attorney at the law firm of Kightlinger and Gray, lives in Carmel, Ind.

## 2000s

AMANDA FLIGHT DURICK '00, an art teacher in the Plum Borough School District, lives in Pittsburgh with her husband, Joel.

The wedding ceremony of DANIELLE SCHAEFER '00, M'02 and CHRISTIAN STEUBER '01 included PAUL SCHAEFER '98, KURT KIM '99, and JACQUELINE CHARLES '00. The couple lives in Tamarac, Fla.

The wedding ceremony of Erie residents CHRIS SIRIANNI '00 and

Karin Kneissler included reader STEVE KRALZA '00 and groomsmen SCOTT PHILIPS '00 and BOB VANRAAPHORST '01.

RANDY STRONG '00, the planning/GIS coordinator of Westmoreland County, lives in Avonmore, Pa.

The marriage ceremony of SARAH MISNER '01, a special education teacher for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, and ANDREW MOFEATT '02 included wedding party members BRIAN SMITH '00, TIM RARICK '00, MATT KYIE '01, JUSTIN PRESLEY '02, BRETT WYGAL '02, LEWIS ELIAS '03, and BETH LYDIC '04.

IUP geography professor RUTH SHIREY '65 reports that XUAN SHI M'01, a student in the geogra-

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## THE COMPANY WE KEEP

**C**hicago and the Pat Metheny Trio performed during the same week in Fisher Auditorium as part of the OnStage Series. The tours of *Miss Saigon*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and *Blast* also came to campus as part of the series.

Wayne Brady, known best for his work on *Whose Line Is It, Anyway?* served as the Helwig Distinguished Artist last fall with a performance in Fisher Auditorium as part of the OnStage series.

Paul Rusesabagina, recipient of Amnesty International's Enduring Spirit Award whose struggle was portrayed in the film *Hotel Rwanda*, presented "The Lessons Yet to Be Learned" for the Six O'Clock Series. The series also featured Mark Nesbitt, author of the *Ghosts of Gettysburg* series and *The Ghost Hunter's Field Guide: Gettysburg and Beyond*.

The Inauguration of President Tony Atwater brought several people of note to campus. National Public Radio's Corey Flintoff was the keynote speaker at a journalism symposium that served as a pre-inaugural event. The Magnificent Collage Concert featured jazz pianist Joe Augustine; Patricia Prattis Jennings, the Pittsburgh Symphony's principal keyboardist; and World Soul violinist Owen Brown M'96, known to audiences as Fiidla. Brown also performed with IUP musicians at the inaugural ball.



## Good News

**C**ombining the best of their individual experiences, Briana Dwire Tomack '92 and Cathi Gerhard Williams '91, M'92 published the first edition of the *Laurel Mountain Post* in the fall of 2004. A quarterly community newspaper, it focuses on the people and lifestyle of the Laurel Highlands area.

Tomack and Williams have been good friends for over twenty years. Tomack was a corporate contract manager and controller in Philadelphia before having her first child in 2001. Williams worked in corporate and nonprofit public relations and advertising for ten years in Pennsylvania and North Carolina before forming her own advertising and design agency in 2002.

At turning points in their careers and family life goals, they decided their professional and personal skills complemented the other's business endeavors. Taking their years of experience in corporate and nonprofit business, they decided to work together and create something new.

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phy Ph.D. program at West Virginia University, received both a \$5,000 United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation 2005 Scholarship and the Student Paper Award at the 2005 University Consortium for Geographic Information Science Summit. The honors recognized his outstanding programming work in geospatial analysis.

The wedding ceremony of Greensburg residents BRENDA ALBERTH '02 and JARED FRETZ '01

included DANIEL KROFCHICK '99; TARA ALTIMUS KROFCHICK '99, M'01; ERICA ALBERTH MONACO '99; TYLER COTE '01; KELLEY DALEY '02; SARAH PARKI '02; and AMANDA WEIDNER STRUDWICK '03. Brenda is an art educator for Greensburg Salem Schools, and Jared is a drug and alcohol counselor for Cornell-Abraxas.

The Tokyo wedding ceremony of FUMI OTSUBO OSANO '02, M'04 and KEIICHI OSANO '03 was attended by SATOKO HASEGAWA '03, ASAMI IWAZAKI '03, AYANO

TAKIUCHI '04, and senior Tomoro Iwanaga.

MEREDITH POTTS '03, a call center assistant supervisor in distribution for Wawa Corporation, lives in Parkside, Pa.

## Lost and Found

ALPHA PHI SISTERS: If you are interested in a reunion of the sisterhood, PEGGY SORRELL TRUEMAN '78 and BEVERLY DAVIS '77 want to hear from you. Please e-mail Davis at [bev2296@yahoo.com](mailto:bev2296@yahoo.com).

DELTA GAMMAS: Reunion planned to commemorate twenty-five years on campus, March 24–26, 2006. For details, contact either BARB BAIRD WEHN '85 at [wehn1@aol.com](mailto:wehn1@aol.com) or SUE CYPHER GREEN '89 at [suegreen89@comcast.net](mailto:suegreen89@comcast.net). For photos from the sorority's past, please visit *Web Extra* at [www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag).

## Weddings

### 1970s

PAULA MULLINEAUX '72 to MICHAEL RUSSAK '74, September 10, 2005.

### 1980s

CAROLYN VIVALDI '83 to Steven Sokolow, June 11, 2005. DANE CONGLETON '84 to Laurie Custis, May 15, 2005.

### 1990s

CHRISTINE MELKO '91 to David Riffard, November 27, 2004. HEATHER SZAFRANSKI '94 to Jim Holtschlag, October 1, 2005. ADAM SCOTT '97 to JENNIFER ONUFRO '99, M'01, July 31, 2004. DAVID KEEFER '98 to DAWN WALLER '00, July 2, 2005.

### 2000s

AMANDA FEIGHT '00 to Joel Durick, June 25, 2005. DANIELLE SCHAEFER '00, M'02 to CHRISTIAN STEUBER '01, May 28, 2005. CHRIS SIRIANNI '00 to Karin Kneissler, May 21, 2005. JARED FRETZ '01 to BRENDA ALBERTH '02, July 23, 2005. SARAH MISNER '01 to ANDREW MOFFATT '02, July 2, 2005. FUMI OTSUBO '02, M'04 to KEIICHI OSANO '03, August 16, 2005. ALISA BARR '03 to CHRISTOPHER MILLER '03, October 22, 2005. SONYA BURKETT '05 to John Beatty, May 28, 2005. HEATHER CRAVENOR '05 to Greg Hileman, July 16, 2005.

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## Arrivals

### 1980s

To MICHAEL TARQUINIO '81 and Kimberly Tarquinio, a son, Benjamin Michael, September 3, 2005. To LAURIE LAMMERT TEMPLIN '82 and CORT TEMPLIN '85, a son, Cade Vincent, August 2, 2005. To ANNETTE GABANY SMIACH '86 and Mark Smiach, a daughter, Adelai Marie, September 26, 2005. To JOHN MAWHINNEY '87 and Tammy Mawhinney, a daughter, Madelyn Rose, April 25, 2003, and a son, Ian James, August 17, 2005. To JOELLE GRAEB KARLOVICH '88, M'89 and Brian Karlovich, a son, Benjamin Joseph, September 10, 2002, and a son, Matthew Brian, August 30, 2005. To MARIAN WILKINS AYRES '89 and Tim Ayres, a son, Luke Joseph, March 29, 2005.

### 1990s

To AMY KOZAR JENKINS '90, M'91 and Dan Jenkins, a son, Timothy George, September 27, 2005. To MARLENE HATCH MARKOTAN '91 and Thomas Markotan, a daughter, Rachel Anne, July 9, 2003. To LEIGH SCHLEY SLOSEK '92, M'93 and Daniel Slosek, a son, Benjamin Quentin, May 30, 2005. To LAURIE ZOGLMANN WATKINS '92 and Todd Watkins, a son, Keegan Thomas, April 6, 2003, and a daughter, Izabella Olivia, July 1, 2005. To PAUL NORO '93, M'95 and JENNIFER TREMPUS NORO '97, M'00, a daughter, Gianna Elizabeth, September 22, 2005. To BRANDON FALKNER '94 and Kristin Falkner, a daughter, Lauren Marie, August 22, 2004. To JENNIFER KOSKI MINGHINI '94 and Mark Minghini, a daughter, Meghan Margaret, September 14, 2005. To SHERI ARTH PALMO '94 and SCOTT PALMO '96, a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, June 1, 2005. To

# Coming UP

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at [www.iup.edu](http://www.iup.edu).

#### ■ Alumni Events

Unless otherwise noted, see [www.iup.edu/alumni](http://www.iup.edu/alumni) or call 1-800-yes2IUP for more information.

#### ■ Pittsburgh Waterfront Event,

January 19, 5:30 p.m.

#### ■ Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala,

April 1, 6:00 p.m.

#### ■ Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 9-11

#### ■ Planning Your Legacy Seminars

Call 724-357-2324 for information and registration.

February 7 and May 2 in Indiana

February 9 and May 3 in Pittsburgh

#### ■ Athletics

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#### ■ Men's Basketball

At California, January 18, 8:00 p.m.

Shippensburg, January 21, 7:30 p.m.

At Edinboro, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

Pitt Johnstown, January 28, 3:00 p.m.

Penn State McKeesport, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

Slippery Rock, February 1, 7:30 p.m.

At Clarion, February 4, 8:00 p.m.

At Lock Haven, February 6, 8:00 p.m.

California, February 8, 7:30 p.m.

At Shippensburg, February 11, 3:00 p.m.

Edinboro, February 15, 7:30 p.m.

At Pitt Johnstown, February 18, 7:30 p.m.

at Slippery Rock, February 22, 8:00 p.m.

Clarion, February 25, 7:30 p.m.

#### ■ Women's Basketball

Bloomsburg, January 14, 1:00 p.m.

At California, January 18, 6:00 p.m.

Shippensburg, January 21, 5:30 p.m.

At Edinboro, January 25, 5:30 p.m.

At Pitt Johnstown, January 28, 7:30 p.m.

Slippery Rock, February 1, 5:30 p.m.

At Clarion, February 4, 6:00 p.m.

At Lock Haven, February 6, 6:00 p.m.

California, February 8, 5:30 p.m.

At Shippensburg, February 11, 1:00 p.m.

Edinboro, February 15, 5:30 p.m.

At Slippery Rock, February 22, 6:00 p.m.

Clarion, February 25, 5:30 p.m.

#### ■ Lively Arts

Please call the College of Fine Arts Public Events Office at 724-357-2547 for more information.

■ *Little Shop of Horrors*, Theater by the Grove and Music Theater, February 23-25 and March 1-4, 8:00 p.m.; February 26, 2:00 p.m., Waller Mainstage

■ *Dafmark Dance Theater: Unsilenced Voices*, Performance Plus Series, March 7, 8:00 p.m., Fisher Auditorium

■ *A Flea in Her Ear*, Theater by the Grove, April 20-22 and 26-29, 8:00 p.m.; April 23, 2:00 p.m., Waller Mainstage

#### ■ OnStage Arts and Entertainment

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**Golden Dragon Acrobats**, January 28

**Oklahoma**, February 2

**Eric Burdon and the Animals**, February 17

**Gallagher**, March 3

**Broadway! The Star-Spangled Celebration**, March 9

#### ■ University Museum

Please call the College of Fine Arts Public Events Office at 724-357-2547 for more information.

**Annual Graduate Student Exhibit**, March 4 through April 7

**Hunt Botanical Garden Print Exhibit**, April 21 through May 12

# Mentors



**Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.**

A licensed and nationally certified counselor, **HOLLY MOORE** of the Department of Counseling was recruited by the Red Cross through her affiliation with the National Board of Certified Counselors to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. Moore was deployed to Baton Rouge for two weeks and applied her specialization in crisis intervention and prevention in an evacuee center in Baton Rouge. The faculty in the department supported her deployment by agreeing to cover her classes in her absence.

Under the direction of faculty member **TOM LORD**, a graduate Biology student has earned an award. Matthew Newcamp won the Outstanding Student Poster competition at the annual meeting of the National Association of Biology Teachers. His presentation stemmed from research he conducted in association with his degree and in consultation with Lord.

Elsewhere in this issue of *IUP Magazine* is coverage of the inauguration of President Tony Atwater. Many on campus were responsible for making the events successful, including **MICHAEL HOOD**, dean of the College of Fine Arts, and **DONNA GRIFFITH '74, M'77**, assistant dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, who served as chair and co-chair, respectively. Health and Physical Education faculty member **CHRISTINE BLACK** coordinated the inaugural ball, while Music faculty member **LORRAINE WILSON** oversaw all the music associated with the event. **KEVIN EISENSMITH '78** and **JACK STAMP '76** were instrumental in orchestrating the Magnificent Collage Concert. **TOM SLATER** of the English Department planned a Western film festival as part of the event. **ED SIMPSON** of Theater and Dance auditioned and coached actors to portray figures of significance in the university's history for a special picnic. The list could go on for many pages.

IUP's first research conference for undergraduates is taking place in April and is being planned by a group led by **STEVEN HOVAN** in Geoscience, **KELLY JO KERRY MORAN** in Professional Studies in Education, and **RAMESH SONI** of Management, who currently is serving as interim vice-provost for Research and dean of Graduate Studies. The group's plan is to extend participation for future conferences to undergraduates from other institutions.

## IUP

### Classnotes CONTINUED

**JENNIFER KLEIN ANDREJCIC '95** and Robbie Andrejick, a daughter, Delaney Kathryn, September 10, 2005. To **JONATHAN GREEN '95** and **JENNIFER TERRAFORTE GREEN '96**, a son, Kevin Edward, August 8, 2005. To **KRISTIF KATZENBACH SMITH '95** and **ROBERT SMITH '95**, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, September 22, 2005. To **MATTHEW GATES '96** and **LAURA FRANCISCO GATES '98**, a son, Jared Matthew, October 12, 2005. To **JENNIFER CHANDLER STEPP '96** and Brian Stepp, a daughter, Ava Victoria, September 18, 2003, and a daughter, Bria Marie, August 10, 2005. To **DAVID DiPALMA '97** and **JENEFER KUKULSKI DiPALMA '97**, a daughter, Allison Pauline, February 3, 2005. To **KRISTIN KARAFFA PETRAZZI '97** and Alan Petrazzi, a son, Andersen Alan, April 6, 2003, and a son, Avery Alan, September 26, 2004. To **MELANIE HAMP SMITH '97** and **DENNY SMITH '98**, a son, Jonathan David, December 25, 2004. To **DAN ANTONACCI '98**, **M'03** and **DIANE FERRA ANTONACCI '99**, **M'04**, a daughter, Isabella Maria, September 12, 2005.

### 2000s

To **KARA BURDICK LESHER '00** and Randy Leshner, a son, Ashton Lange, October 13, 2005.

### Deaths

**1936:** Virginia Lloyd Kunkle.  
**1937:** Gladys Harvey Smith.  
**1939:** Blair Matejczyk, William Steele.

**1943:** Jean Diveley Lytle. **1949:** Felix Catalano, Paul Shaul.

**1950:** Frank Hood. **1959:** John Englert.

**1962:** John Coffman. **1963:** Walter Gasdek. **1969:** Glenda Shaffer Hagan.

**1970:** David Roumm. **1971:** Kevin Murtha. **1974:** Linda Stahl. **1975:** Deborah Zubalik-Toy. **1976:** Alan Tabin.

**1980:** Suzanne Kline Varley. **1985:** David Drummond. **1987:** Angela Fought Orndorff.

**1990:** James Kacpura.

**2000:** Raymond Lasser. **2002:** Keith Blair.

### Other Deaths

Janet Fontaine, a faculty member in IUP's Department of Counseling from 1989 until her death, died September 16, 2005.

William Forbes, a faculty member at IUP from 1969 until his retirement in 2002, died November 3, 2005.

Monsignor Charles Owen Rice, Pittsburgh's "Labor Priest," who spoke at the university's May Commencement in 1986, died November 13, 2005.

Craig Sheehan, a freshman Physics major from Ebensburg, died September 30, 2005.

Eric Slebodnik, a junior History and Political Science major serving with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, was killed September 28, 2005, in Iraq while providing security for engineers building a railroad bridge.



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# GEOGRAPHY LESSON

By Bob Fulton

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## FRANK CIGNETTI

### BY THE NUMBERS\*

- 199** ♦ Total victories, second-best among active Division II coaches (includes 17 wins at West Virginia)
- 182** ♦ Victories at IUP (George Miller ranks second with 78)
- 15** ♦ Postseason victories, second-best all-time among Division II coaches

- 2** ♦ NCAA Division II championship game appearances, more than all other coaches from PSAC schools combined
- 6** ♦ NCAA Division II semifinal appearances (only Texas A&M-Kingsville, with seven, reached the Final Four more often during the Cignetti era)
- 9** ♦ Seasons with double-figure totals in victories (no IUP team won as many as 10 games before Cignetti arrived)
- 14** ♦ PSAC West championships, the most of any

coach since the conference formed in 1951

- 11** ♦ Consecutive winning seasons (1988-98), matching the longest streak in school history (1962-72)
- 10** ♦ Lambert/Meadowlands Cups, emblematic of Division II supremacy in the East
- 26** ♦ Consecutive regular-season victories (Sept. 8, 1990, through Oct. 24, 1992), the longest streak in school history

*\*at the time of his retirement*

He majored in biology at Indiana State College, but it was geography that Frank Cignetti truly mastered in his twenty years as football coach at IUP.

After all, he put the school on the map.

When Cignetti returned to his alma mater as athletic director in 1982 and hired George Chaump as head football coach, his avowed mission was to elevate the program to national

prominence. While others fixed their sights on winning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title, he focused his eyes on a bigger prize: an NCAA championship.

"The vision was, hey, we want to compete on the national level in Division II," said Cignetti, who retired in November after compiling a 182-50-1 record at IUP. "When I first came here, people from the PSAC didn't think

that was a realistic goal. They looked at the State Game [the annual title match-up of division winners] as the ultimate goal. People didn't think beyond that."

But Cignetti did. He raised the bar, and the Indians responded with a transcendent run. They earned thirteen NCAA playoff berths under his direction, reached the semifinals on six occasions, and twice played in the Division





**Left: Cignetti is interviewed by broadcaster Jack Benedict. Center, top: Dick (center) and Charlie Mistretta offer best wishes after Cignetti's final game as coach. Center, bottom: Shortly before his graduation from Indiana State College in 1960, Cignetti was a student teacher on campus at Keith School. Right: Cignetti is greeted by former player Joey Flora '03.**

II championship game before a national television audience.

That kind of coast-to-coast exposure boosted IUP's profile to unprecedented levels. Where mention of the school's name to football fans in Oregon or Texas or North Dakota might once have elicited only puzzled expressions, today it's apt to result in a nod of acknowledgement.

"I travel around the country in my business, and when people find out I graduated from IUP, they'll make the comment, 'Hey, you have a real good football program,'" said Stan Celich '90, a former defensive end who now heads up regional sales for Liberty Mutual Insurance. "People know IUP because of football. Take that away, and it's possible they wouldn't have any recognition of the school."

Prior to the Cignetti era, the Indians possessed little more than a regional identity. They rarely played out-of-state teams or traveled long distances for games. But under Cignetti, the Indians took to the road like Charles Kuralt, alighting wherever a Division II powerhouse was located. They journeyed to Portland State (Ore.), Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota State, New Haven (Conn.), Grand Valley State (Mich.), and Catawba (N.C.) for regular-season games, racking up mileage as well as prestige for the program.

"In my time there we went all over," said Nick Pascarella '91, a linebacker on IUP's national runner-up team in 1990 who owns Grass Roots Landscaping in Sewickley. "We flew clear across the country to play Portland State, we went down to Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, we went out to North Dakota and

Michigan. We might have lost some of those games, but we proved that we could play with the best."

Facing first-rate foes in the regular season toughened IUP for the postseason. Some of those games in September and October resembled the playoff battles waged in November and December, such was their crackling intensity.

"They gave you the sort of confidence that you need going into playoff games," Celich said. "I believe that was an important step, being able to play those folks during the season and realizing we could play with anybody in the country."

Their confidence bolstered, Cignetti's Indians were able to win with regularity in the postseason. They advanced to the semifinals five times in one six-year span—an achievement only North Dakota State has matched—and nearly upended North Alabama in a thrilling 1993 final, on the Lions' home field no less. IUP posted fifteen playoff victories under Cignetti, tied for fourth best all-time in Division II.

The foundation for that phenomenal success was laid when Cignetti arrived as AD and enlisted the financial support of well-heeled community members. The resulting resources enabled Chaump and later Cignetti himself, once he assumed the coaching reins in 1986, to recruit exceptional players and hire topnotch assistant coaches. Cignetti then went about upgrading the schedule. Not only did the Indians step into the ring against the heavyweights of Division II; they challenged Division I-AA schools such as Liberty, Bucknell, Lehigh, and Howard. And in 1987, IUP broke through

with a landmark 10-7 victory at Towson State.

"Towson was the very first Division I-AA school we defeated," said former fullback Steve Girting '89, an elementary principal in the Riverside School District. "That was a feather in the cap of Coach Cignetti. That sort of catapulted us into the national limelight."

The Indians made their NCAA playoff debut ten weeks later, battling Central Florida at the 52,300-seat Citrus Bowl in Orlando before bowing, 12-10. IUP soon became a postseason fixture, landing six more berths over the next seven years. By the time he retired, Cignetti had coached the Indians in twenty-eight playoff games, a Division II record.

His only regret is that he couldn't bring a national championship trophy back to campus.

"It would have been nice," Cignetti said. "I think this university and this community deserved a national championship in football. I really thought it was a doable goal."

When Cignetti arrived, some dismissed his lofty aspirations as the delusions of a dreamer whose reach far exceeded his grasp. But he quickly converted the doubters to believers, leading the Indians into the playoffs in only his second season. He raised the bar, and along with it IUP's national profile. The former biology major mastered geography during his twenty years as coach, taking his football team to Oregon and Texas, to Missouri and Nebraska, to North Dakota and Michigan, to Mississippi and Alabama. Frank Cignetti lifted the program to heights that once seemed inconceivable.

In short, he put IUP on the map. 🐾



# Traveling with the Ball



Dennis Mims



Leon Piper



Fannar Olafsson



G.J. Macon

By  
David Driver

Less than a year after finishing his college career at IUP, basketball player G.J. Macon is playing across the Atlantic Ocean in the German B regional league.

While that may seem overwhelming to some people, traveling long distances is nothing new for Macon. He grew up in Alaska and played junior college basketball in Utah before he came to IUP in the fall of 2003. He averaged 12 points and 7.4 rebounds per game as a junior that season, then 14.7 points and 6.6 rebounds as a senior in 2004-05 for IUP.

Now the 6-foot-9 forward is playing for pay in Germany for the Itzehue Eagles. The town has about 33,000 people and is a thirty-minute drive from Hamburg in northern Germany.

"I ended up in Germany by mistake, really," Macon said. "I had a contract in place for a team in Japan, for a

very good team. But as I debated the contract, they were talking with another player who wasn't as good as I was but was more eager to sign the contract. So he signed, and they took the contract from me. That's the nature of the business, though, and the next best thing was this team in Germany.

"It's different—that's the first challenge I have faced. It's really different here. Everyone speaks English, but they would rather speak German, so it's tough to get around. On the court, it's not bad, because basketball is basketball," he wrote in a message in October.

Macon, who turned twenty-three this past December, is one of several former IUP hoopsters who has taken his game to Europe. Leon Piper was with Cognac in France, Fannar Olafsson was with Karfar in Iceland, and Dennis Mims was with Astoria in Poland, according to [www.eurobasket.com](http://www.eurobasket.com). Also, former IUP assistant coach and player Mike Taylor '95 is a coach in Ulm, Germany.

Olafsson ended his IUP career in 2004, and last season

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# Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON

**B**iology professor **Jeff Larkin** and track and field coach **Brian Spickler '98, M'01** hope to travel to Italy in February for the Winter Olympics—not as spectators, but as competitors. Larkin and Spickler are members of driver Mike Bradley's four-man bobsled crew, which was shooting for a berth in the Turin Games as *IUP Magazine* went to press. "I think it's remarkable that there are two of us at this university who are representing the United States in international competition," said Larkin, a native of Lee Center, N.Y., about one hundred miles from the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. "That's something that just doesn't happen every day." Larkin recruited Spickler as a teammate after heading to Memorial Field House one day for a workout. "I have a postcard photo of a bobsled just outside my office door," said Spickler, a two-time decathlon All-American. "Jeff saw it and poked his head in and said, 'Do you know a bobsled-der?' I told him I'd been to Europe and competed in the World Cup during the 2002-03 season, but because of teaching and coaching obligations I had to stop. He urged me to get back into it." When a vacancy opened up on Bradley's sled, Larkin asked Spickler to join the crew. Both hope to spend February hurtling down a mountainside in Italy, representing the U.S.—and IUP.

Junior **Mindy Sawtelle** set a course record at Lock Haven en route to victory in the NCAA Division II East Region cross country meet and led IUP to a second-place finish, which qualified the team for nationals in



Pomona, Calif. Sawtelle covered the 6,000-meter layout in 21:01. Junior **Nicole Blaesser** placed fourth in 22:04 to also claim all-region honors. Junior **Jorge Medina** finished ninth in the 10,000-meter men's race with a time of 31:56 to win a spot on the all-region team. Sawtelle, Medina, and junior **Eric Kruttschnitt** earned All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference honors a week before on the basis of their performances at the PSAC meet.

IUP's presence in the NFL

continues to expand, with nine graduates either playing or coaching. Two rookies, wide receiver **LeRon McCoy '05** (Arizona Cardinals) and linebacker **Kris Griffin '05** (Kansas City Chiefs), joined veteran guards **Chris Villarrial '96** (Buffalo Bills) and **Leander Jordan '00** (San Diego Chargers) in the league last fall. The coaching roster includes **Jim Haslett '91**, head coach of the New Orleans Saints; **Jack Henry '69**, Haslett's associate head coach; **Tony Marciano '78**, tight ends coach for the

Houston Texans; and San Francisco 49ers quarterbacks coach **Jim Hostler '89** and assistant offensive line coach **Ben McAdoo '00**.

**Brian Bishop '84, M'91** regularly turns out All-Americans and championship teams at The College of New Jersey, where he's in the midst of his seventeenth season as men's swimming coach. Bishop has led the Lions to a 134-27 dual meet record and nine Metropolitan Conference titles, and team members have earned seventy-six NCAA

Sam Carlson



Division III All-America citations. The former IUP freestyler began his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater.

Senior forward **Suzanne Cornelissen** was selected as the PSAC Player of the Year in field hockey after finishing second nationally in goals (23) and goals per game (1.10), third in points per game (2.62), and fourth in points (55). Cornelissen, who has junior eligibility, will return next season. "If there's one player that deserves the recognition, it's her," said coach **Rutger Wiese**, a fellow native of the Netherlands.

"She's only one goal shy of the school [career] record, and that's only in two seasons."

Sophomore midfielder **Liz Martini** joined Cornelissen on the All-PSAC first team, and senior forward **Kandice Pyles**, freshman midfielder **Sylvia Guerrieri**, and sophomore defender **Carrie Stork** were second-team picks. The Indians, who took twelve-time national champion Bloomsburg to overtime before losing in an NCAA quarterfinal match, overcame inexperience to finish 14-7. "If you look at what we accomplished—with seven new starters—then you've got to be happy and you've got to be proud," Wiese said. "We put ourselves in a position where we were competing with the best again, and we competed."

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers of af2, the top minor league in arena football, hired **Rich Ingold '87** as head coach and vice president of football operations. Ingold, who spent last season as the offensive coordinator of the Arena Football League's Dallas Desperados, previously served as head coach of the af2 Quad City Steamwheelers, compiling a 34-14 regular-season record and twice earning playoff berths. Wilkes-Barre will open the season March 31 against the Louisville Fire.

**J.R. Thomas '03** will play for Ingold if he doesn't first catch on with an AFL team. Thomas, the af2 Rookie of the Year in 2004, caught seventy-six passes for 884 yards and twenty-two touchdowns last season with the Pioneers and ranked tenth in the league in kickoff return average (22.9), kickoff return yards (1,008), and all-purpose yards (1,938), despite missing five games with a lower leg fracture. He blistered the Oklahoma Yard Dogs in a 59-47 victory, catching ten passes for 172 yards and five TDs.

Junior forward **Erin Falce**, junior forward **Shana Speese**, and sophomore defender **Janel Paffie** were first-team selections, and senior defender **Meghan Jones**, junior forward **Crystal Heder**, junior defender **Corey Weir**, and sophomore forward **Brittany Pikur** earned second-team honors on the All-PSAC West soccer squad. Falce and Jones were also second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District II picks. Coach **Adel Heder** led IUP to the PSAC West title with an 8-1-1 record, but the Indians suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Slippery Rock in the conference semifinals to finish 13-4-1.

Assistant basketball coach **Wes Layton '02**, the point guard on the 2001-02 team that advanced to the Division II semifinals and finished 28-5, opened the season in the absence of head coach **Gary Edwards**, who was suspended while the university investigated alleged scholarship improprieties. "We're going to come together and hopefully get through this," said Layton, in his third season on IUP's staff. "We'll just rely on each other, kind of circle the wagons and try to make the best of it." Edwards has led the Indians to a 187-79 record, three PSAC titles, and two East Region championships. 🐾

## IUP

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he played in Germany and Iceland. Piper averaged 12.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game for IUP in 2001-02. The London native has played in France since then, and last year he averaged 17.9 points per game. Mims finished his IUP career in 2002 and averaged a team-best 16.6 points and 11.3 boards that season. Since then, he has played in Poland and England.

In addition, Derrick Freeman—who ended his career with IUP in 1995-96—played in Germany and the Netherlands during the 2004-05 season. He also played in England during a long European career.

Most Americans who play in Europe are provided free use of a car and a place to live by the team, on top of salary. And in most countries that salary is tax free, and imported players have very few expenses.

"The team provides a house and transportation, and they give us food coupons that I rarely use," Macon said. "I make around \$1,200 in U.S. currency a month, which is not very much, but it's a starting point for a guy like me," he said. "Since I don't have to pay any bills, it is a decent amount of money, but the whole point is to get your name out and move up and make more money in the future."

Most European club teams at higher levels practice twice a day, in the morning around 10 and then around 6 p.m. for a total of four or five hours per day. But Macon's team in the German B regional league—the lowest of three in the country—practices just three times a week. Some teams play just one game a week, normally on Saturdays. So that is a lot of free time for former NCAA players, who are used to two or three games a week during the season.

There are several rule differences, compared to the NCAA and NBA, in European leagues, where nearly every country has a league and most of them import American players. A few of the rules: the three-second lane is wider near the basket and is trapezoidal in shape; a ball can be touched once it hits the rim; walking is called if a player does not clearly put the ball on the floor before he picks up his pivot foot; and the game consists of four ten-minute quarters.

According to Macon, "The rules take a lot of getting used to. They don't like a lot of animation from the players, and they give [technical fouls] to players very quickly. Also, the game is much slower. In America, the refs let the game go: they will give you an extra step if you take it, and as long as a move looks like it's not a travel, they don't call it. Here, if you make a good move and blow by a player, the refs automatically assume it's a travel. It takes some getting used to, but it's not too bad."

Macon, like most Americans overseas, is expected to do a lot on the court. He sees action in Germany at the small forward, power forward, or center spot.

"I play all of them at different points of the game, and it's different," Macon said. "I am expected to do so much more here than I was at the college level. It's a challenge but something I have prepared my whole life for." 🐾

*David Driver, a freelance writer from Maryland, has lived in Hungary with his family the past three academic years. He has covered pro basketball games in nine different European countries and has contributed to several American magazines and newspapers.*

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**GLISTENING GALA:** The concluding event in last fall's inaugural festivities was the Inaugural/Homecoming Ball at the Indiana Country Club.